

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the modifications above and the remarks below. Claims 6-14 are pending in the Application. Applicants have amended the claims to place the Application in condition for allowance or for better condition for appeal. The amendment does not create any undue burden for the Examiner.

Claim 6 and 12 have been cancelled and Claims 7-9 and 13-14 have been amended in light of the comments in the outstanding Office Action. Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the allowance of Claims 10 and 11.

Rejection Under 35 USC 102

1. **Rejection of Claims 6 and 12 Over U.S. Pat. No. 4,957, 541 (Tripp et al).**

The Office Action rejected Claims 6 and 12 under 35 U.S.C.102(b) as being anticipated by Tripp et al. The rejection should be withdrawn in view of the modifications above and the remarks below.

Claims 6 and 12 have been cancelled. Reconsideration is requested.

Objections

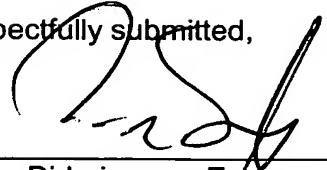
Claim 13 has been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of Claim 7. Claim 13 has been amended in light of the comments in the outstanding Office Action. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed overcome.

Claims 7-9 and 13-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7-9 and 13-14 have been amended in light of the comments in the outstanding Office Action. In view of the modifications above, the objection is believed overcome.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance of the pending claims is earnestly requested.

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